Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 2015

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the **Town Hall, 35 Central Street,** on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at seven o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles of this warrant:

Article 1. To choose the following officers:

- Two (2) Selectman for three (3) years.
- Two (2) School Committee Members for three (3) years.
- One (1) Board of Health Member for three (3) years.
- One (1) Planning Board Member for five (5) years.
- One (1) Board of Assessors Member for three (3) years.
- One (1) Housing Authority Member for five (5) years.
- Two (2) Library Trustees for three (3) years.
- Three (3) Constables for three (3) years.
- One (1) Moderator for two (2) years.

For consideration of the following Articles, the meeting shall be adjourned to meet in the **Town Hall** at 7:00 o'clock in the evening on Monday, May 4, 2015, in accordance with provisions of Article II, section 2-3 of the By-Laws of the Town of Stoneham.

Article 2. To choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year in such a manner as the Town may determine.

Board of Selectmen

Article 3. To hear the reports of Town officers and committees and to act thereon and to choose committees.

Board of Selectmen

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the several elective officers and the Boards of the Town for the 2015/2016 fiscal year.

| Town Moderator | \$0 |
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| Board of Assessors | \$1,200 |
| Board of Selectmen | \$3,000 |
| Town Clerk | \$67,295 |

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning By-law to add to the Highway Business District the following described property:

Parcel A

A certain parcel of land in Stoneham, MA situated on the easterly side of Albion Avenue bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the southeast corner of the parcel at 9 Albion Avenue;

Thence running S 72° - 05'- 36" W a distance of 15.81 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N 10 °- 49'- 54" W a distance of 50.78 feet and 43.42 feet through the land at 9 Albion Avenue and 11 Albion Avenue respectively to a point;

Thence turning and running S 20° - 30° - 46° E a distance of 122.50 feet by land now or formerly of 211 Main LLC to the point of beginning.

Containing an area of 737 square feet and shown as Parcel A on a plan entitled Plan of Land 9 & 11 Albion Avenue Stoneham, Mass. Scale 1"= 20 dated February 19, 2015 by Benchmark Survey

Charles F. Houghton 15 Kimball Drive

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or by transfer from available funds, such sums as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, including debt and interest and a reserve fund, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 7. To see if the Town will To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Stoneham School Committee to enter into a lease with the SEEM collaborative for the property known as the Old Central School, 25 William Street, for a period of time up to and including ten (10) years, or to take any other action thereon.

School Committee

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the purpose of using receipts generated from renting space at the senior center building to help pay the cleaning, utilities and maintenance costs of the senior center, and authorize expenditures by the Council on Aging Director, not to exceed \$30,000 during the Fiscal Year 2016 which may be made from such fund. In addition, to transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2015 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account, or do anything in relation thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, for the purpose of using receipts generated from fees charged for outings and transportation services at the senior center to cover costs associated with these outings and providing these transportation services, and authorize expenditures by the Council on Aging Director, not to exceed \$40,000 during Fiscal Year 2016 which may be made from such fund. In addition, to transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2015 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated from renting space at the Fire Station to pay the utility, cleaning and maintenance costs, and capital improvements of the Fire station, and authorize expenditures by the Fire Chief, not to exceed \$40,000 during Fiscal Year 2016 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2015 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the purpose of using receipts generated from fees charged for public health services to cover the costs of these services, and authorize expenditures by the Board of Health, not to exceed \$50,000 during Fiscal Year 2016 which may be made from such fund. In addition, transfer any balance remaining on June 30, 2015 from the existing Revolving account into the reauthorized Revolving account, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money to pay prior year invoices, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to amend the Fiscal Year 2015 departmental budgets approved under Article No. 21 of May 5, 2014 Annual Town Meeting, as amended, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to use a sum of money released by the Board of Assessors from the overlay account for an HVAC engineering study for the police station, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Assessors

Article 15. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) and any monies left over from Article 9 Part A of the October 2012 Town Meeting to purchase a Fire Pumper Engine and the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to sell from time to time, as the occasion requires, town notes, bonds, or other evidence of indebtedness in the amount not to (exceed) \$650,000 in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to grant the Board of Selectmen authority to research, develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, to aggregate the electricity load of the residents and businesses in the Town and for other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities, retaining the right of individual residents and businesses to opt-out of the aggregation, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$200,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing water mains or replacing or relining existing water mains, street repairs, hydrant replacement, water meter installations, purchasing equipment, or maintain the water system within the limits of the Town, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$200,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction or rehabilitation of sewer mains, manholes, pump stations or appurtenances, street repairs, purchasing equipment, or maintain the sewer system within the limits of the Town, or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to implement certain rehabilitation and construction projects on the Town's sanitary sewer system under Phase 10 of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Assistance Program and the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectman, be authorized to sell from time to time, as the occasion requires, town notes, bonds, or other evidence of indebtedness in the amount not to exceed \$814,000 in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 7 (1) of the Massachusetts General Laws and further to accept any grants or gifts for those projects or do anything in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to increase the appropriation of \$486,167 voted at the October 2014 Town Meeting to \$729,250 to be received by the Town from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Chapter 90 local transportation aid funding for fiscal year 2015 for the purpose of continuing the permanent construction program on public ways within the Town or other eligible municipal projects and authorize the Town Administrator to make such expenditure or do anything in relation thereto.

And you are directed to have five hundred (500) copies of the Warrant printed and to serve the same by posting duly attested copies in at least ten (10) public places in the town seven (7) days at least before the time for holding said meeting and by causing a duly attested copy of the said Warrant to be published in some newspaper in the Town, the publication to be not less than three (3) days before said meeting.

The remaining copies you are to have at the place and time of said meeting as aforesaid.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place aforesaid.

Given unto our hands this 3rd day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand fifteen.

Board of Selectmen

Thomas Boussy, Chairman

John F. DePinto, Vice Chairman

Ann Marie O'Neill

Robert W. Sweeney

Frank Vallarelli

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs of the within meeting by posting attested copies of the said Warrant in at least ten (10) public places in the Town on March 16, 2015 and by publishing duly attested copy of said Warrant in the Stoneham Independent on March 18, 2015 and April 22, 2015.

A true copy. Attest:

Constable of Stoneham